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TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5729

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FOR: DR. WARNER SOELLING, M.D.

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SUBJECT: DEATH OF AMCIT

1. THE CONSULATE GENERAL DEEPLY REGRETS THE DELAY IN THE PROCESSING OF LOCAL FORMALITIES REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH THE RETURN OF THE REMAINS OF MRS. ELSE SOELLING.

2. PER YOUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION WITH MR. ANDERSON JULY 6, THE FOLLOWING REPRESENTS AN EXACT BREAKDOWN OF COSTS INVOLVED IN THE CREMATION AND RETURN OF REMAINS BY AIR TO U.S.:

3. SERVICES INVOLVED IN PREPARATION OF REMAINS FOR CREMATION, INCLUDING REMOVAL OF REMAINS, USE OF FACILITIES, SUPPLY OF WESTERN COFFIN (REQUIRED BY LOCAL LAW FOR CREMATION), TRANSPORT, AND CREMATION FEES, \$366; CARE AND PREPARATION OF REMAINS, \$100; COLLECTION OF CREMATED ASHES, \$12; METAL CONTAINER \$3; PROCURING NECESSARY PERMITS \$30; AIR PARCEL POST TO VANCOUVER, WASHINGTON, \$36. TOTAL COST: \$547.

4. TO THE BEST OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL'S KNOWLEDGE THE ABOVE REPRESENTS THE LEAST EXPENSIVE MEANS OF SHIPPING CREMATED REMAINS BY AIR TO U.S. SHIPMENT BY AIR FREIGHT RATHER THAN AIR PARCEL POST IS NORMALLY RECOMMENDED AS PROMPT DELIVERY IS MORE ASSURED AND DISPOSITION OF SHIPMENT MORE EASILY TRACED SHOULD IT MISSENT OR DELAYED. THE CHARGES FOR
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AIR FREIGHT IN THIS INSTANCE WOULD AMOUNT TO \$47.

5. THE CONSULATE GENERAL UNDERSTANDS THAT NO FURTHER COSTS
WILL BE INCURRED, BEYOND THOSE ALREADY INCURRED IN NORMAL
MORTUARY ARRANGEMENTS REQUIRED BY LOCAL REGULATIONS, UNTIL
WE RECEIVE AUTHORIZATION FROM YOU. FUNDS AND/OR FURTHER
INSTRUCTIONS SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED TO THE CONSULATE GENERAL
PER OUR PREVIOUS TELEGRAM.

6. ONCE AGAIN, THE CONSULATE GENERAL EXPRESSES ITS DEEP
REGRET AT THE DELAYS ENCOUNTERED IN THIS MATTER.
AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL
HONG KONG
CROSS

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